



Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 Statement of Family Readiness

Marines, Sailors and Family Members of MWSS 274,

I would like to express my gratitude for the commitment and determination that you display as United States Marines and Sailors and for the support that the families have given Marine Wing Support Squadron 274. Family members are a combat multiplier and without their support, the capabilities of our Marines are limited. As we enter another year in the Global War on Terrorism, our operational capability will be tested by the security and satisfaction of our family members. If our families are not ready, then we, as a unit are not ready. As more Marines and Sailors are selected to be individual augments, it is imperative to utilize the family readiness program to assist in providing solutions to challenges faced during deployment. As the Commanding Officer of MWSS 274 my intent is as follows:

Purpose: The purpose of the Family Readiness program is to ensure all Marines, Sailors and families are fully informed, supported and prepared for prolonged military deployment. As a Marine Wing Support Squadron, we must be prepared to deploy with little or no notification. It is my intent that Marines, Sailors and their families have the resources needed to be ready at all times.

Method: Through the support of our Family Readiness Officer, Assistants, Advisors and Moral Support Volunteers, every family member should be equipped with the knowledge and awareness of our unit operations. Unit information including training exercises, deployments, Command sponsored events and all major changes will be disseminated via our unit newsletter, website and the Mass Communication Tool. Family members are to be notified of resources aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, and assistance provided to those in need.

End-state: The end state is fully-prepared Marines, Sailors and family members capable of executing daily activities and completing requirements while their service member is deployed. Within that end-state our unit will utilize full integration with, and support from, the Family Readiness Officer and support network.

Family Readiness directly affects the fundamental operations of Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 and is a pertinent factor in our mission. It is my intent to see that each and every Marine, Sailor and family member is equipped with the necessary resources to strengthen our operations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. A. Ference".

A. A. FERENCE
Lieutenant Colonel, USMC